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December 16, 2004

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: DOCKET NUMBER 04-405

Dear Ms. Dortch:

At the December 14, 2004 meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince Edward, Virginia, the Board approved the attached resolution requesting that the Federal Communications Commission not grant forbearance from applying Computer Inquiry requirements that require ILECs to tariff and offer the transport component of their broadband services on a stand-alone basis and to take service itself under those same terms and conditions.

The County of Prince Edward, Virginia, is most appreciative of the FCC's consideration of the County's resolution.

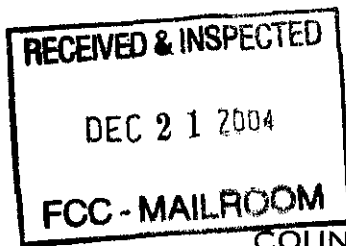
Sincerely,

Mildred B. Hampton
County Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Honorable John W. Warner
Honorable George F. Allen
Honorable Virgil H. Goode, Jr.

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF PRINCE EDWARD, VIRGINIA**

WHEREAS, healthy competition between providers of services is considered to be valuable as it promotes higher quality and/or lower prices for those services as well as providing choice to consumers; and

WHEREAS, locally owned and operated businesses are considered to be valuable to the community as they typically enhance the local economy, provide training and job opportunities to local citizens, encourage citizens to remain in or relocate to the area, and support local initiatives which raise the quality of life in the area; and

WHEREAS, the requirements listed in the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) "Computer Inquiry" [28 F.C.C.2d 267 (1971), 77 F.C.C.2d 384 (1980), and 14 F.C.C. Rcd 4289 (1999)] which require Incumbent Local Exchange Providers (ILECs) to tariff and offer the transport component of their broadband services on a stand-alone basis allow non-ILEC service providers, such as independent local providers, the ability to offer those broadband services, such as DSL, to their customers; and

WHEREAS, a ruling in favor of Bell South's current request for forbearance of these requirements will return the ILECs, such as Sprint and Bell South, to a monopoly position with respect to telephone company-based broadband services such as DSL, eliminating the current climate of competition between the ILECs and independent service providers; and

WHEREAS, the ability to provision and offer DSL and other advanced broadband services is of critical necessity for the continued health and existence of independent service providers in today's high-tech environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF PRINCE EDWARD, VIRGINIA requests that the FCC not grant forbearance from applying Computer Inquiry requirements that require ILECs to tariff and offer the transport component of their broadband services on a stand-alone basis and to take service itself under those same terms and conditions (28 F.C.C.2d 267 (1971), 77F.C.C.2d 384 (1980), 14 F.C.C. Rcd 4289 (1999) - collectively the "Computer Inquiry").

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince Edward, Virginia at a regular board meeting in Prince Edward County, Virginia, at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 8 in favor and 0 opposed, this 14th day of December, 2004.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

William G. Fore, Jr., Chairman

Attest:

Mildred B. Hampton, County Administrator